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An overgrown estate falling into the hands of one that has many children, it is broken into so many portions as render the sharers rich enough.

You must have known it.
—Indeed I did, then favour'd by the king,
And by that means a sharer in the secret.
If, by taking on himself human nature at large, he hath a compassionate and tender sense of the infirmities of mankind in general, he must needs, in a peculiar manner, feel and commiserate the infirmities of the poor, in which he himself was so eminent a sharer.

I suffer many things as an author militant, whereof in your days of probation you have been a sharer.

SHARK. *n. f.* [*canis charcharias*, Latin.]
1. A voracious sea-fish.

His jaws horrid arm'd with threefold fate,
The direful shark.

2. A greedy artful fellow; one who fills his pockets by fly tricks.
David's messengers are sent back to him, like so many sharks and runnagates, only for endeavouring to compliment an ill-nature out of itself, and seeking that by petition which they might have commanded by their sword.

3. Trick; fraud; petty rapine.
Wretches who live upon the shark, and other mens fins, the common poisoners of youth, equally desperate in their fortunes and their manners, and getting their very bread by the damnation of souls.

To SHARK. *v. a.* To pick up hastily or slyly.
Of unimproved mettle, hot and full,
Hath in the skirts of Norway, here and there,
Shar'd up a list of landless resolute.

SHARK. *v. n.*
1. To play the petty thief.
The fly leads a lazy, voluptuous, scandalous, sharking life, hateful wherever he comes.

2. To cheat; to trick.
There are cheats by natural inclination as well as by corruption: nature taught this boy to shark, not discipline.

SHARP. *adj.* [rearp, Saxon; *seharpe*, Dutch.]
1. Keen; piercing; having a keen edge; having an acute point; not blunt.

She hath tied
Sharp tooth'd unkindness like a vulture here.

In Ireland have I seen this stubborn Cade
Oppose himself against a troop of kerns;
And fought so long, 'till that his thighs with darts
Were almost like a sharp quill'd porcupine.

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To sharp ey'd reason this would seem untrue;
But reason I through love's false opticks view.

5. Sour without astringency; four but not austere; acid.
So we, if children young diseased we find,
Anoint with sweets the vessel's foremost parts,
To make them taste the potions sharp we give;
They drink deceiv'd, and so deceiv'd they live.

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To SHARP. *v. a.* [from the noun.] To make keen.
Whom the whetstone sharpens to eat,
They cry, millstones are good meat.

SHARP. *v. n.* [from the noun.] To play thievish tricks.
I live upon what's my own, whereas your scandalous life
is only cheating or sharping, one half of the year, and starv-
ing the other.

To SHARPEN. *v. a.* [from sharp.]
1. To make keen; to edge; to point.

2. The weaker their helps are, the more their need is to sharpen
the edge of their own industry.

3. The Israelites went down to the Philistines to sharpen every
man his share and his coulter.

4. His severe wrath shall he sharpen for a sword.

5. The grating of a saw when sharpen'd, offends so much as
it fetters the teeth on edge.

6. Th' squadron bright, sharp'ning in mooned horns
Their phalanx.

7. It may contribute to his misery, heighten the anguish, and
sharpen the sting of conscience, and so add fury to the ever-
lasting flames, when he shall reflect upon the abuse of wealth
and greatness.

8. No 'tis resistance that inflames desire;
Sharpen the darts of love, and blows the fire.

9. Ere ten moons had sharpen'd either horn,
To crown their bliss, a lovely boy was born.

10. Her hands bear half her weight and turn to paws.

11. To make quick, ingenious, or acute.

12. Overmuch quickness of wit, either given by nature, or
sharpen'd by study, doth not commonly bring greatest learn-
ings, best manners, or happiest life in the end.

13. To make quicker of sense.

14. Th' air sharpen'd his visual ray
To objects distant far.

15. To make eager or hungry.

16. Sharpen with cloyless sauce his appetite.

17. Such an assurance as will sharpen mens desires and quicken
their endeavours for obtaining a lesser good, ought to in-
spire men with more vigour in pursuit of what is greater.

18. To make fierce or angry.

19. Mine enemy sharpeneth his eyes upon me.

20. To make biting, or sarcastick.

21. My haughty soul would swell;
Sharpen each word, and threaten in my eyes.

22. To make less flat; more piercing to the ears.

23. Enclosures not only preserve sound, but encrease and sharp-
en it.

24. To make four.

SHARPER. *n. f.* [from sharp.] A tricking fellow; a petty thief;
a rascal.

SHARPEN. *v. a.* [from sharp.]
Sharpen, as pikes, prey upon their own kind.

SHARPEN. *v. n.* [from sharp.]
He should retrench what he lost to sharpeners, and spent upon
puppet-plays, to apply it to that use.

SHARPEN. *v. n.* [from sharp.]
I only wear it in a land of Hector's,
Thieves, supercargo's, sharpeners, and directors.

SHARPEN. *v. n.* [from sharp.]
1. With keenness; with good edge or point.

2. Severely; rigorously; roughly.

3. Keenly; acutely; vigorously.

4. Afflictively; painfully.

5. At the arrival of the English ambassadors the soldiers were
sharply assailed with wants.

6. With quickness.

7. You contract your eye when you would see sharply; and
erect your ear when you would hear attentively.

8. Judiciously; acutely; wittily.

SHARPNESS. *n. f.* [from sharp.]
1. Keenness of edge or point.

2. Palladius neither suffering us nor himself to take in hand
the party till the afternoon; when we were to fight in troops,
not differing otherwise from earnest, but that the sharpness of
the weapons was taken away.

3. A second glance came gliding like the first;
And he who saw the sharpness of the dart,
Without defence receiv'd it in his heart.

4. Not obtuse.

5. Force consisteth in the roundings and raifings of the work,
according as the limbs do more or less require it; so as the
beholder shall spy no sharpness in the bordering lines.

6. Sourness without astringency.

7. There is a sharpness in vinegar, and there is a sharpness in
pain, in sorrows, and in reproach; there is a sharp eye, a
sharp wit, and a sharp sword: but there is not one of these
severe sharpnesses the same as another of them; and a sharp
east wind is different from them all.

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Provoking sweat extremely, and taking away all sharpness
from whatever you put in, must be of good effect in the
cure of the gout.

4. Severity of language; satirical sarcasm.
There's gold for thee,

Thou must not take my former sharpness ill,
I will employ thee back again.

5. Some did all folly with just sharpness blame,
While others laugh'd and scorn'd them into shame;
But, of these two, the last succeeded best.

6. As men aim rightest when they shoot in jest.
This is a subject of which it is hard to speak without saty-
rical sharpness and particular reflections on many churches of
christians.

7. The sharpness of his satyr, next to himself, falls most heav-
ily on his friends.

8. Painfulness; afflictiveness.
At this time

We sweat and bleed; the friend hath lost his friend;
And the best quarrels in the heat are curst

9. By those that feel their sharpness.

10. Not a single death only that then attended this profession;
but the terror and sharpness of it was redoubled in the manner
and circumstances.

11. Intellectual acuteness; ingenuity; wit.
Till Arianism had made it a matter of great sharpness, and
subtlety of wit to be a found believing christian, men were
not curious what syllables or particles of speech they used.

12. The daring of the soul proceeds from thence,
Sharpness of wit and active diligence.

13. The son returned with strength of constitution, sharpness of
understanding, and skill in languages.

14. Quickness of senses.
If the understanding or faculty of the soul be like unto bod-
ily sight, not of equal sharpness in all; what can be more
convenient than that, even as the dark-sighted man is direct-
ed by the clear about things visible, so likewise in matters of
deeper discourse the wife in heart doth shew the simple where
his way lieth.

SHARP-SET. [*sharp* and *set*.] Eager; vehemently desirous.
Basilus forced her to stay, tho' with much ado, she being
sharp-set upon the fulfilling of a shrewd office, in overlooking
Philoclea.

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An eagle sharp-set, looking about her for her prey, spy'd
a leveret.

SHARP-SET. [*sharp* and *set*.] Eager; vehemently desirous.
Our senses are sharp-set on pleasures.

SHARP-SET. [*sharp* and *set*.] Eager; vehemently desirous.
A comedy of Johnson's, not Ben, held seven nights; for
the town is sharp-set on new plays.

SHARP-VISAGED. [*sharp* and *visaged*.] Having a sharp
countenance.